Dust load in the air

198. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that dust load in the air in our cities is highest in the world; and

(b) if so, the details of measurement of dust load in different cities in the country, in comparison to the dust load in developed cities of the developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Even though in most of the Indian cities the ambient concentration of particulates are more in comparison to the prescribed standard but these levels are not highest in the world. The ambient levels of suspended particulate matter (SPM) in some cities of India and developed countries are as under:

Name of Indian cities	Annual SPM levels in the ambient air in $\mu g/m3$	Cities of developed countries	Annual SPM levels in the ambient air in $\mu g/m3$
Bangalore	57-422	Los Angeles	46-115
Calcutta	120-524	London	Less than 30
Chennai	23-425	Moscow	150-250
Delhi	111-670	New York	25-150
Hyderabad	43-312	Tokyo	Less than 60
Mumbai	105-698		